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In re Application of	:	
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Toshiaki MASUDA et al.	:	Patent Art Unit: 1796
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Serial No. 10/595,910	:	Examiner: Irina Sopjia ZEMEL
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For: Thermally Expanded Microsphere, Process	:	
for Producing the Same, Thermally	:	
Expandable Microsphere and Use Thereof	:	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application. *A copy of the non-U.S. patent is attached.* Also attached is a copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04 81 8881.

No fee is believed to be required in view of the above information disclosure statement. However, Applicants authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge payment of the Petition fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) *if required* and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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